



September 29, 2006

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Representative Waxman:

AARP commends you for your leadership and unwavering commitment to make affordable prescription drugs available to American consumers.

Your efforts to create a process for bringing lower cost generic drugs to market in a timely fashion has made a lasting contribution to improving access and helping to control the mushrooming costs of prescription drugs.

AARP members and their families increasingly rely on drug therapies. Biotech drugs hold great promise for treating some of the most serious diseases Americans now face. Unfortunately, the cost of these drugs is prohibitively expensive. The new legislation you are introducing today builds upon your earlier accomplishments by creating a track for approving comparable versions of innovative biologic drugs which, in turn, should improve consumer access to less costly treatments.

AARP shares your commitment to lowering the cost of prescription drugs and we look forward to working with you as you refine this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Novell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William D. Novell
Chief Executive Officer